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REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-19, 21-26, 28-34, and 36-37 are pending. Claims 1-3, 6-9, 16, 19, 22-26, 33-34, and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Claims 4-5, 10-15, 17-18, 20-21, 27-32, and 35-36 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 4, 20, 27, and 35 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1, 5, 16, 21, 25, 28, 30, and 34 are currently amended.

Independent claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 4.
Depending claim 5 is amended to depend directly from claim 1.

Independent claim 16 is amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 20.
Depending claim 21 is amended to depend directly from claim 16.

Independent claim 25 is amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 27.
Depending claim 28 is amended to depend directly from claim 25.

Objected to claim 30 is rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of independent claim 25.

Independent claim 34 is amended to include the limitations of objected to claim 35.
Depending claim 36 is amended to depend directly from claim 34.

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In view of the foregoing, applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-3, 5-19, 21-26, 28-34, and 36-37. If the Examiner finds any issue that is unresolved, please call applicants' attorney by dialing the telephone number printed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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